

**“Saint Joseph Provides”**



**Perpetual Novena**  
in honor of  
**Saint Joseph**

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**Perpetual Novena to St. Joseph**  
at the  
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Conducted Under  
Auspices of Saint Joseph's Union  
Every Wednesday at the  
Mission of the Immaculate Virgin

SAINT JOSEPH'S UNION  
381 Lafayette Street      New York, N. Y.

Founded by Father Drumgoole in 1874

*Saint Joseph,  
foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
true spouse of Mary ever Virgin,  
pray for us.*

#### INDULGENCES TO BE GAINED

1. For those who say the Novena, an indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines is granted once each day of the Novena. At the conclusion of the Novena, a plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions of Confession, Communion, visit to a Church or Chapel and prayers according to the intention of the Holy Father.

2. During the month of March, the same indulgences may be gained by those who say the Novena prayers or any other prayers of their choice in honor of Saint Joseph.

3. On the first Wednesday of any month, the same generous indulgences are granted for saying either the Novena prayers in this booklet or any other prayers to Saint Joseph under the usual conditions outlined above.

*Nilil Obstat*

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## “SAINT JOSEPH PROVIDES”

**B**ECAUSE the saintly Father Drumgoole saw in Nazareth a home, whose Queen was Mary, whose principal occupant was a Boy and whose Provider was Joseph—he built a House dedicated to the Immaculate Virgin, whose occupants are the needy boy-brothers of the once needy Boy-Jesus—and now as then—the Provider is Saint Joseph. Out of this vision came his great mission in life.

His Eminence, the late Cardinal Hayes, was a young man, several years away from the Priesthood. One day on an errand to the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, he met our saintly Father Drumgoole.

Patrick Hayes rapped at the door. A business-like “come in” and he entered. The message delivered, the young aspirant to the Altar was about to leave—but there was something strange—and he wondered. There on one chair was a statue of Saint Joseph, and on another, a statue of Our Lady Immaculate. His curiosity gave him no rest and he asked: “Father Drumgoole, tell me, why are those statues on the chairs?” Our Founder’s face broke out into a great big, characteristic smile: “Because that chair belongs to Saint Joseph,” and he pointed, “and that chair belongs to Our Lady, and no one else may use them.” And when young Patrick gave evidence of enjoying and appreciating the old man’s piety, Father Drumgoole confided: “Saint Joseph and Mary are my two best friends. Whenever I’m anxious about the food bills and need money for my boys I have a little chat with Saint Joseph and ask him to provide. You know that was

his job here on earth taking care of that Greatest of all boys, the Boy Jesus.”—Emboldened by this mark of confidence on the part of the aging priest, the young man put another question: “And Father Drumgoole, does Saint Joseph come to your assistance?”—Pointing again to the statue of Saint Joseph on the chair and with a finality in his tone that could not be forgotten Father Drumgoole said; “SAINT JOSEPH ALWAYS PROVIDES.”

### **FAITH IN SAINT JOSEPH REWARDED**

One day at the Mission, back in the '80s, Father Drumgoole came up to some men who had been drilling for water for several weeks and apparently all in vain. In fact, the men were on the verge of leaving the job as a hopeless task and were packing kit and tools when Father approached them. They told him of their plight, how they had dug deeper and longer than had ever been attempted in that area. Father Drumgoole listened attentively and then spoke: “But, boys, you’re not quitting are you?”—They said it was useless to continue. “But, boys, did you not know that Saint Joseph must provide? Carry on for a while.”—They returned to their drilling—and Father Drumgoole returned to his little statue on the chair. Three days later as Father stood by their side, one of them let out a great cry. Water had been struck. They were jubilant. Father Drumgoole smiled a quiet, knowing smile: “BOYS, SAINT JOSEPH ALWAYS PROVIDES.”—and went away, the beads in his fingers, back to his room to the statue of Saint Joseph on the chair.

God forbid that we ever forget the lesson of the saintly Father Drumgoole—"SAINT JOSEPH ALWAYS PROVIDES."

Some may say that Father Drumgoole's life-work is the monument which stands at Mount Loretto—the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin. Today it houses 1,200 needy children. But during the past 65 years, no fewer than 45,000 needy children have found a home there and from it have gone out sturdy, confident men and women ready to take their places in the serried ranks of life.

### **FATHER DRUMGOOLE'S MESSAGE TO YOU**

This is Father Drumgoole's monument. But we wonder! Is it not true that all this was and is possible today BECAUSE OF SAINT JOSEPH?—Could Father Drumgoole sit here at his desk, where he sat so many times during his busy fruitful life, sit here by the side of these two chairs which constituted his shrine-altars and were we to ask him—FATHER DRUMGOOLE, WHY DID GOD SEND YOU TO US, WHAT WAS YOUR MISSION, WAS IT PRIMARILY TO TEACH US TO CARE FOR NEEDY CHILDREN OR TO TEACH US TO "GO TO JOSEPH?"—we feel Father Drumgoole would confess that his REAL MISSION in life was to be THE PREACHER OF SAINT JOSEPH, through his words, "SAINT JOSEPH ALWAYS PROVIDES."

The lesson of the life of the saintly Father Drumgoole must not be missed: SAINT JOSEPH ALWAYS PROVIDES!

Ever since 1874 the Promoters and Members of Saint Joseph's Union, numbering during these



passing years millions and spread throughout the world—have been practicing and preaching the lesson Father Drumgoole came to teach. Saint Joseph's Union has kept Father Drumgoole's Monument—the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin caring for the needy children—resplendent and bright these long sixty-five years. We must carry on,—Saint Joseph's Union must carry on.

### THIS NOVENA

**We have not done enough. We must do more.** The lesson of Father Drumgoole must be preached and taught even more vigorously and more universally. Father Drumgoole wills that here at the Mission the Perpetual Novena in honor of Saint Joseph be conducted. Why? For his boys. For you. For the world. To the glory of Jesus and Mary and Joseph.

Every Wednesday of the year our more than one thousand children gather about the shrine of the great Patron of Father Drumgoole, the dear Saint Joseph, and are praying the Perpetual Novena first, for you, Members and Promoters of the Union; secondly, for all who join them in spirit and send in their petitions; and thirdly and lastly, for themselves—who perhaps need him more than anyone else.

All we ask is that you help us to preach to the world the great sermon of Father Drumgoole—"Saint Joseph Always Provides." Tell all the world. Ask all to "Go to Joseph." Go yourself. Join with 500,000 Members of Saint Joseph's Union in a great tribute of love and praise to our own good Saint Joseph.



# **Nouena Prayers**

*Hymn in honor of Saint Joseph*

Sung by Children

## **DEAR GUARDIAN OF MARY**

1. Dear guardian of Mary,  
Dear guide of her Child!  
Life's ways are full weary,  
The desert is wild;  
Bleak sands are all round us,  
No home can we see;  
Sweet spouse of Our Lady!  
We lean upon thee.
2. For thou to the pilgrim  
Art father and guide,  
And Jesus and Mary  
Felt safe at thy side;  
Ah! blessed St. Joseph,  
How safe should I be,  
Sweet spouse of Our Lady  
If thou wert with me.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Reading of Intentions and Thanksgivings.**

**SHORT DISCOURSE.**

## LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy  
Christ, hear us  
Christ, graciously hear us

God, the Father of Heaven  
God the Son, Redeemer of the  
    world  
God, the Holy Ghost  
Holy Trinity, one God

*Have mercy  
on us*

Holy Mary, pray for us  
St. Joseph,  
Renowned offspring of David,  
Light of Patriarchs,  
Spouse of the Mother of God,  
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,  
Foster-father of the Son of God,  
Diligent protector of Christ,  
Head of the Holy Family,  
Joseph most just,  
Joseph most chaste,  
Joseph most prudent,  
Joseph most strong,

*Pray for us.*

Joseph most obedient,  
Joseph most faithful,  
Mirror of patience,  
Lover of poverty,  
Model of artisans,  
Glory of home life,  
Guardian of virgins,  
Pillar of families,  
Solace of the wretched,  
Hope of the sick,  
Patron of the dying,  
Terror of demons,  
Protector of Holy Church,

*Pray for us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world, graciously hear us, O  
Lord.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.

V. He made him the lord of his household.

R. And prince over all his possessions.

### LET US PRAY

O God, who in Thy ineffable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may have him for our intercessor in Heaven, whom we venerate as our protector on earth; who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

### PRAYER OF PETITION

O Glorious Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favor we now implore. (HERE NAME YOUR PETITION.)

O Guardian of the Word Incarnate, we feel animated with confidence that your prayers in our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

## PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH, THE FAITHFUL WORKER

Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my inclinations; to work with gratitude and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop, by means of labor, the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, without ever recoiling before weariness or difficulties; to work, above all, with purity of intention, and with detachment from self, having always death before my eyes and the account which I must render of time lost, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch Joseph. Such shall be my watchword in life and in death. Amen.

**PRAYER *of the* MEMBERS  
of SAINT JOSEPH'S UNION**

O Most Holy and Immaculate Mother of God, and Glorious Saint Joseph, Guardians and Patrons of our House and Union, intercede for us, your devoted Children now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN *at the*  
MISSION OF THE IMMACULATE VIRGIN**

Be mindful of us, O blessed Joseph, and intercede on our behalf with thy reputed Son; and secure for us the favor of thy most holy Virgin Spouse, the Mother of Him who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.





**Hymn to Saint Joseph**

Sung by Children

**O BLESSED SAINT JOSEPH**

1. O Blessed Saint Joseph,  
How great was thy worth,  
The one chosen shadow  
Of God upon earth,  
The father of Jesus!  
Ah, then, wilt thou be,  
Sweet Spouse of our Lady  
A father to me.
2. When the treasures of God  
Were unsheltered on earth,  
Protection God found for them  
In thy precious worth;  
O father of Jesus,  
Sweet Spouse of our Lady,  
Be father to me,  
And I will love thee.

**BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

Sung by Children

Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui;  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui;

Praestet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et jubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Priest: Panem de coelo praestitisti eis.

Children: Omne delectamentum in se  
habentem.

#### OREMUS

Priest: Deus, qui nobis sub Sacramento  
mirabili, passionis tuae memoriam reli-  
quisti; tribue, quaesumus, ita nos cor-  
poris et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria  
venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum  
in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et  
regnas in saecula saeculorum.

Children: Amen.

## THE DIVINE PRAISES

Recited by Children

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true  
man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacra-  
ment of the Altar.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary  
most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Con-  
ception.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and  
Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste  
spouse.

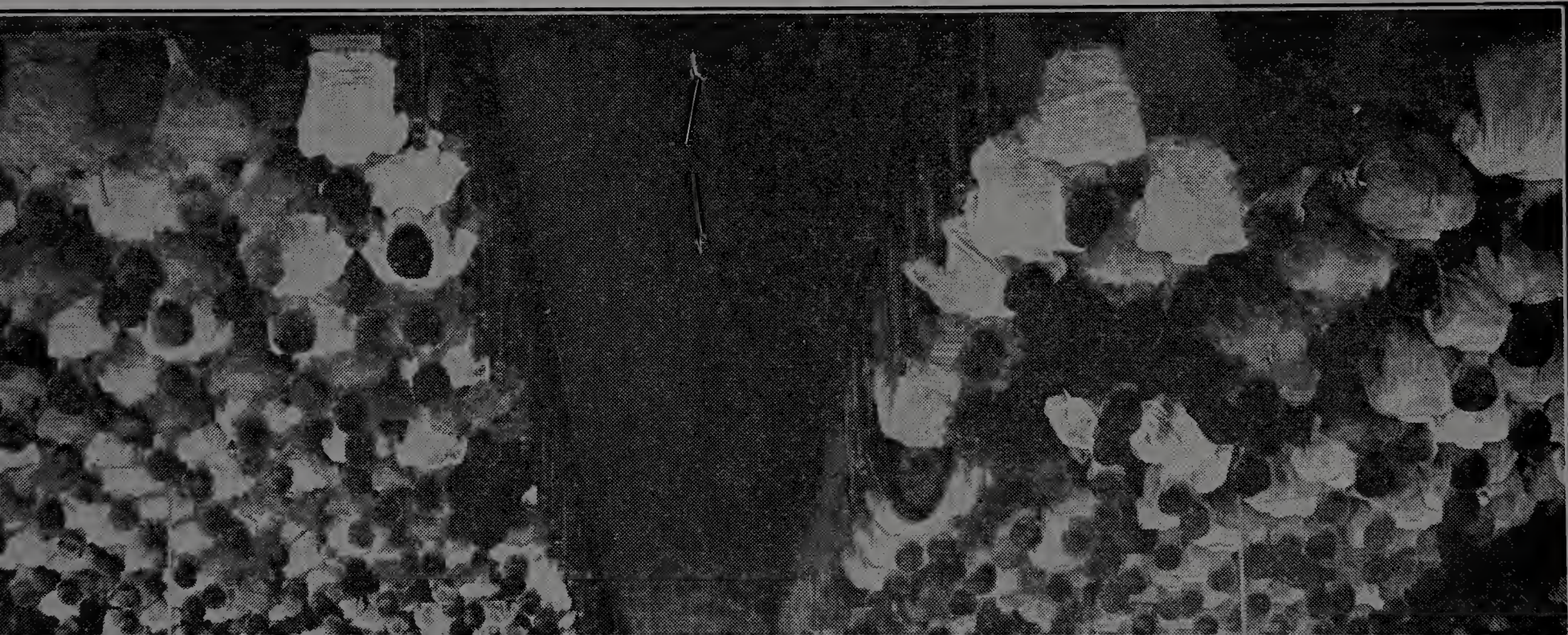
Blessed be God in His angels and in His  
saints.

(Turn to page 18 for closing hymn.)





Our children praying for your intention



## HAIL, HOLY JOSEPH, HAIL !

1. Hail, holy Joseph, hail!  
Chaste spouse of Mary, hail!  
Pure as the lily flower  
In Eden's peaceful vale.  
Hail, holy Joseph, hail!  
Prince of the house of God!  
May His best graces be  
By thy sweet hands bestowed.
2. Hail, holy Joseph, hail!  
Comrade of angels, hail!  
Cheer thou the hearts that faint,  
And guide the steps that fail.  
Hail, holy Joseph, hail!  
God's choice wert thou alone!  
To thee the Word made flesh  
Was subject as a Son.





# Prayers for Private Devotions

## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THEIR AGONY

Eternal Father, by the love which Thou bearest to Saint Joseph, chosen by Thee from among all men to represent Thee on earth, have pity on us and on poor souls in their agony.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Gloria.

Eternal and divine Son, by the love which Thou bearest to Saint Joseph, Thy most faithful guardian on earth, have pity on us and on all poor souls in their agony.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Gloria.

Eternal and divine Spirit, by the love Thou bearest to Saint Joseph, who with so great solicitude watched over most holy Mary the Spouse of thy predilection, have pity on us and on all poor souls in their agony.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Gloria.

300 days, once a day.

### PRAYER FOR PURITY

Guardian of virgins, and holy father Joseph to whose faithful custody Christ Jesus, Innocence itself, and Mary, Virgin of virgins, were committed; I pray and beseech thee, by these dear pledges, Jesus and Mary, that being preserved from all uncleanness, I may with spotless mind, pure heart and chaste body, ever serve Jesus and Mary most chastely all the days of my life.

100 days, once a day.

### INVOCATION

Saint Joseph, foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and true spouse of Mary ever Virgin, pray for us.

300 days, once a day.

### EJACULATION

Saint Joseph, model and patron of those who love the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us.

100 days, once a day.

## PRAYER FOR A GOOD DEATH

O blessed Joseph, who didst yield thy last breath in the fond embrace of Jesus and Mary, when death shall close my career, come holy father, with Jesus and Mary, to aid me, and obtain for me the only solace which I ask at that hour, to die under their protection. Living and dying; into your sacred hands, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I commend my soul!

## INDULGENCED INVOCATIONS

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you!

300 days Indulgence each time that all three invocations are recited; 100 days when only one is recited. Pius II, April 28, 1807.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Seven years and seven times 40 days each time.

Plenary once a month. Pius X.

Help us, Joseph, in our earthly strife.  
E'er to lead a pure and blameless life.

Indulgence of 300 days, once a day. Leo XIII  
March 18, 1882.

### A PRAYER FOR WORK

O, Son of God and Son of the Virgin  
Mary,

Thy Sacred Heart is an ocean of mercy,  
Compassion and love for all men,  
But especially for the poor.

To thee I come, filled with confidence,  
To place my prayer for work  
In thy Sacred Heart

Thou didst come to preach the Gospel  
To the poor:

Thou didst labor with Thine own hands;  
Thou didst consecrate poverty  
By choosing it for Thine own life

O, Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hear my prayer for work

And in Thy Mother's name grant my re-  
quest. Amen.

### FAVORITE PRAYER

To thee, O blessed Joseph, do we fly in our tribulation. Through that charity which bound thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and through the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we humbly beseech thee graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with thy power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful Guardian of the Divine Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving Father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from Heaven assist us in this our struggle with the power of darkness, and, as once thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by thy constant protection, so that, supported by thine example, and thine aid, we may be able to live piously, to

die holily, and to obtain eternal happiness in Heaven. Amen.

Indulgence of 300 Days, once a day. Leo XIII.  
Sept. 21, 1889.

### ACT OF CONSECRATION

O Glorious Saint Joseph chosen by God to be the reputed father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary ever Virgin, and the head of the Holy Family and then elected by the Vicar of Christ to be the heavenly Patron and Protector of the Church founded by Jesus Christ; with the greatest confidence I implore at this time thy powerful aid for the entire Church militant. Protect in a special manner with thy truly paternal love the Supreme Pontiff and all the bishops and priests united to the See of Saint Peter. Defend all those who labor for souls in the midst of the afflictions and tribulations of this life, and obtain the willing submission of every nation throughout the world to the Church, the necessary means of salvation for all.

O dearest Saint Joseph, be pleased to accept the consecration which I make to



thee of myself. I dedicate myself entirely to thee that thou mayest ever be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. Grant that after thy example all my actions may be directed to the greater Glory of God, in union with the divine Heart of Jesus and the immaculate heart of Mary, and with thee. Finally, pray for me that I may be able to share in the peace and joy of thy most holy death. Amen.

300 Days. Once a day.

#### PRAYER FOR OUR HOLY FATHER

O Most powerful Patriarch, Saint Joseph, Patron of that universal Church which has always invoked thee in anxieties and tribulations; from the lofty seat of thy glory lovingly regard the Catholic world. Let it move thy paternal heart to see the mystical Spouse of Christ and his Vicar weakened by sorrow and persecuted by powerful enemies. We beseech thee, by the most bitter suffering thou didst experience on earth, to wipe away in mercy

the tears of the revered Pontiff, to defend and liberate him, and to intercede with the Giver of peace and charity, that every hostile power being overcome and every error being destroyed, the whole Church may serve God of all blessings in perfect liberty. Amen.

### MEMORARE

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my sweet protector, Saint Joseph! that no one ever had recourse to thy protection or implored thy aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in thy goodness I come before thee, and humbly supplicate thee. Oh, despise not my petitions, foster-father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.



## TO SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph, when the day was done,  
And all your work put by,  
You watched the stars come one by one  
Out in the violet sky.

You did not know the stars by name,  
But there sat by your knee  
One who made the light and flame  
And all things bright that be.

You heard with Him, birds in the tree  
Twitter "Good Night" o'erhead—  
The maker of the world must see  
His little ones to bed.

Then when the darkness settled round,  
To Him your prayers were said;  
No wonder that your sleep was ground  
The Angels loved to tread.

So save me through the darksome night  
And all the sunlit day;  
Be kind my words, my thoughts be white  
Christ's guardian I pray!

Charles L. O'Donnell, C.S.C.—*The Ave Maria*

## **Saint Joseph's Union**

Founded by Father Drumgoole in 1874

The primary object of Saint Joseph's Union is to provide funds for the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, in order to feed and clothe more than one thousand homeless and destitute boys and girls under its care.

### **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

The annual subscription of 25 cents entitles each member enrolled in Saint Joseph's Union to a copy of our journal, *The Homeless Child Messenger*, a blessed cord of Saint Joseph and a Saint Benedict's medal.

### **5000 MASSES FOR MEMBERS**

Every year the members of Saint Joseph's Union share in 5,000 Masses. In addition to these Masses, all members share in the prayers of the children under our care, as well as in the prayers and sacri-

fices of thousands of Nuns all over the world who are spiritually affiliated with Saint Joseph's Union. The Nuns and children pray daily for your intentions, as a member, and you are urged EVERY DAY to form your intentions, knowing that they are being prayed for. You may also enroll deceased members.

### **SPIRITUAL TREASURY**

Special Novenas of Masses and Benedictions are held prior to the following feasts: Saint Joseph; Patronage of Saint Joseph; Pentecost; Sacred Heart of Jesus; Saint Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin; Assumption of Our Lady; All Souls Day, (for deceased members); Immaculate Conception and Christmas.

### **PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP**

Both living and deceased persons may be enrolled as perpetual members, and a beautiful engraved certificate of perpetual membership is given. It is customary to donate \$10.00 for an individual enroll-

ment and \$50.00 for a family perpetual membership.

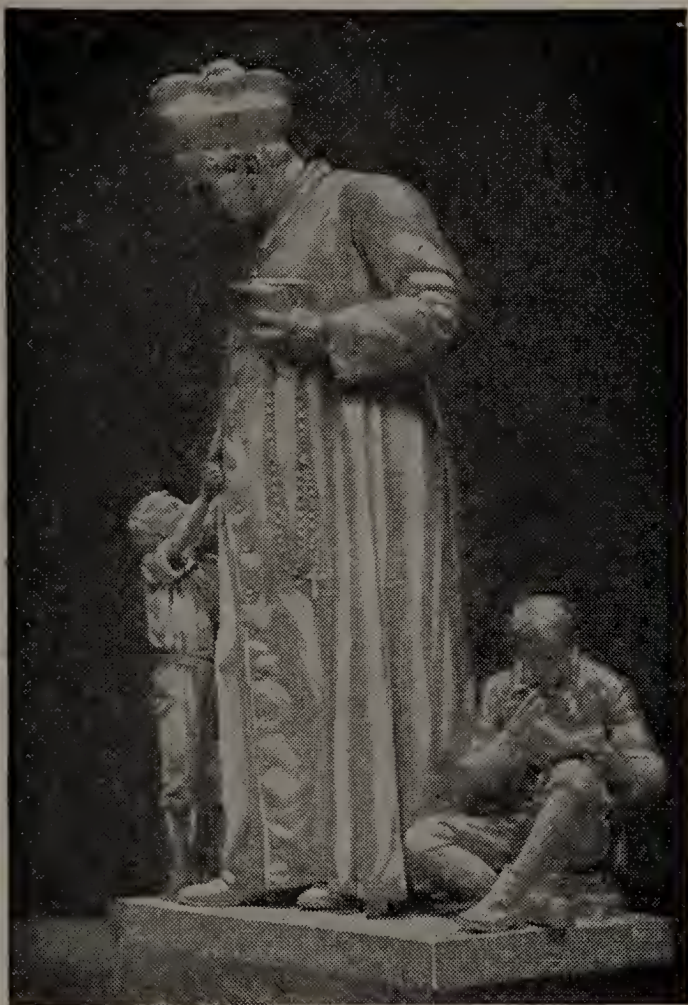
### **HOLY FATHER'S SPECIAL BLESSING**

His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, imparted a special blessing to all members of Saint Joseph's Union and granted to them a **PLENARY INDULGENCE** to be granted at the hour of death on condition that, being truly sorry for their sins, even though unable to confess them and to receive Holy Viaticum, they shall at least invoke with their lips or heart, the Holy Name of Jesus.

### **PROMOTERS**

A Promoter is one who secures one or more members of Saint Joseph's Union and forwards their membership fee to the office of the Union. All Promoters are remembered in 500 Masses said each year for them, in addition to the 5,000 Masses said for all members.





## FATHER DRUMGOOLE

Founder of the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin  
*For the Protection of Homeless and Destitute  
Children*

and

SAINT JOSEPH'S UNION

381 Lafayette Street

New York, N. Y.

## In Your Will

# *Remember God's Poor*

Remember YOURSELF in your Will by leaving something for the children at the Mission. Their prayers will be a constant plea before the Throne of God.

### Form of Bequest

I hereby give, devise and bequeath unto the *Mission of the Immaculate Virgin for the Protection of Homeless and Destitute Children*, New York City a corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of New York (Here state Bequest) to have and to hold unto said society for the purposes for which it is incorporated.

**YOUR DEPARTED**  
want you to  
**REMEMBER THEM**

**Perpetual Membership**

You can remember your dear departed ones in no finer way than by enrolling them as Perpetual Members in Saint Joseph's Union.

**BENEFITS**

As long as St. Joseph's Union exists, 5,000 Masses will be read every year for those enrolled

The prayers of over 1,000 boys and girls, dear to the Sacred Heart, ascend daily to Heaven.

The prayers of 20,000 Sisters all over the world, through affiliation with the Union, are offered for those enrolled.

**ENROLL YOURSELF**

Why not make arrangements now to have yourself prayed for after death?

**OFFERING**

It is customary when enrolling to make an offering to help care for the children at the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin. The donation is \$10.00 for a single enrollment and \$50.00 for a family enrollment.

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